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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Christoph KESSLER

Application No.: 09/530,746

Filed: November 16, 2000

For: SPECIFIC AND SENSITIVE  
METHOD FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC  
ACIDS

Customer No.: 41504

Confirmation No. 6382

Examiner: Teresa E. Strzelecka

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks. Enclosed herewith is a fee authorization to extend the time for response for two months.

The **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Remarks** section begins on page 5 of this paper.

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